23 April 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

NIE 100-3-56: Sino-Soviet Policy and Its Probable

Effects in Underdeveloped Areas

BACKGROUND

1. This estimate was scheduled at the request of Mr. Armstrong, Special Assistant, Intelligence, Department of State, on 23 February with a 1 May 1956 completion date. Subsequently, at the request of the Department of State the estimate was completed on a crash basis.

SUBSTANCE

2. There are no known disagreements concerning the major judgements made in this estimate. However, the Air Force has taken exception to the phrase "irrespective of Western policies" which appears in the lead sentence of paragraphs H and 41. They believe this to be an estimate concerning the effectiveness of possible US policy actions and that it should not be included in an intelligence paper,

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